

WRITING ASSESSMENT  
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There is always a war somewhere in the world. Being in the military is not something for everyone. While in the military, one is forced to be in good shape. The majority of Americans are not in good shape. Also, being in the military can one's emotions run wild and not everyone can handle that. Because ~~there is~~ America is not always in a war, if everyone is made to serve ~~at~~ there will, at times, be an unnecessary amount of people ~~to~~ serving which will waste money and resources.

First, being in good shape is a very good thing; however, most Americans are not. If everyone was made to serve in the military, it would force them to get into good shape which, for some ~~poor~~ people, might harm them. ~~Forcing~~ <sup>Forcing</sup> one to become physically fit quickly can hurt <sup>harm</sup> ~~them~~ physically and emotionally. If everyone is made to serve in the military, ~~then~~ the people that support the government will decrease greatly.

Second, the majority of the work done in the military is very hard. Not everyone is mentally capable to handle the things done in the military. While some people are able to actually kill someone, others are not able. For some people, killing is against their religion, and it would be morally wrong of the country to make them kill. Many soldiers are sent home because they cannot emotionally handle the tasks. If the people that volunteered to serve can not handle it then why would people who do not want to be there be able to handle it?

Lastly, the army requires a lot of money and resources to be able to fully function well. When the country is not in a time of war, it is not necessary to have a lot of troops in the service because it will only waste money. Requiring everyone to serve in the military will waste money because when the country is not in a war, the soldiers in training will just be wasting resources by training for something they will never get to experience. The money that would be used to train soldiers that might never go to war could be used to help the millions of poor people in America.

In conclusion, the concept of requiring everyone in America to serve two years in

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the military is absurd. The majority of the people in the Americas are not in good shape, and forcing them to get in shape can be harmful. The daily tasks the military is asked to perform are often very hard tasks. If everyday Americans were asked to complete the tasks, most would not be successful. By making <sup>everyone</sup> serve in the military for two years, the country will waste money and resources because most people that are trained will never use their training. Forcing everyone to serve in the military is not a very good idea because it will harm people more than benefit them.

### Score Point: 5

This response reflects strong proficiency in persuasive writing skills. The writer is clearly opposed to requiring all Americans to perform two years of military service. Key ideas are presented to support this position (the majority of Americans are not in good shape; not everyone is emotionally capable; requiring everyone to serve will waste money). The response is generally well organized and demonstrates some syntactic variety. Further specific illustration of the key ideas and stronger facility in the use of language would be required for a higher score.